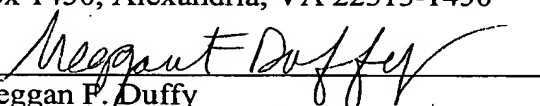


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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2005. Please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** in support of the amendments begin at page 7 of this paper.